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## Wise Counsel.

The impressive nature of moral questions was forcibly illustrated before the war, by the suspicion which immediately fastened upon all legislation in regard to slavery. The "nigger in the fence" was constantly thought to exist, even though he could not be found. The increasing earnestness of the Free States was answered by increased defiance and bitterness among the slaveholders.

No questions fasten themselves so immovably in the character, are so eagerly discussed, and arouse such intense feeling as these which are chiefly moral in their nature.

The curse of intemperance is such a question. Disguise it as we will its presence cannot be denied. It is a shape which will not down. No man of affairs but has seen the fatal influence of the excessive indulgence in strong drink upon the business, character, and body of the individual, and its baleful tendency to poverty and misery in the family. Add the vice and immorality occasioned by the use of liquor and some idea of the dreadful mischief wrought by it can be formed.

Yet it is one thing to recognize an evil and quite another to remove it. Behind the long-form habits of perhaps a majority of the community this abuse is strongly entrenched. While the country has been convulsed with conflicts arising out of slavery the liquor industry has grown to gigantic proportions.

Rashness may suggest extreme measures. They are sometimes wise, sometimes extremely foolish. Occasionally they advance a cause with extraordinary rapidity, often they hinder or destroy its success.

The prohibition movement inspires enthusiasm, arouses sluggish spirits to arrest an evil of gigantic proportions, but for most large cities and towns is thoroughly impracticable. "Deliver us from our friends" is a prayer which has often been offered in the past; and we doubt not will be repeated in the conflicts of the future.

Extremists no doubt have their use but not as leaders. They are too inconsiderate for that. Behind them, the real masters form their squadrons upon lines not so easily broken, with the purpose to hold the positions that are taken.

To many in both political parties it seems timely to take advanced ground upon this great question of temperance. Efforts have been made in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Vermont to find common ground upon which the great temperance sentiment of the country can be organized so as to make its influence felt through one of the great national parties. These efforts have received scant help from prohibitionists, who will be satisfied with nothing but their own aims and purposes.

In Pennsylvania too, this question is being discussed.

The following from the Hon. Galusha A. Grow, once Speaker of the National House of Representatives, and for a long time prominent in Keystone politics, will show the direction in which Republican thought is tending. As to the proper method of dealing with temperance and the prohibition question, he says: "High license is the only way out. Prohibition is impracticable in a party sense. The Republicans should be frank in their declarations that the Republican party is not a party of prohibition. I am in favor of making vice pay the expense of vice. High license would do that. Virtue does not need almshouses or police, and she should not be forced to pay for either. Vice makers, criminals and paupers, should be made to pay for both. Prohibition does not want high license. Prohibitionists say that if you take money from vice you become a party of viciousness. In other words they want men to be good, and to pay the expenses of people who are bad as well as their own. It does not make the government a party to vice when it makes vice pay for what damage it does to the community. High

license would restrict the sale of liquor besides raising a revenue. Under a high license the keepers of saloons will form a vigilance force to prevent infractions of the law. Prohibitionists cannot get any witnesses under a prohibition law, but under a high license law every saloon would be able to furnish witnesses in case there were infractions of the statute. I think the general enactment of high license is a step that the Republicans should encourage."

Platform Committees and Conventions will do well to heed this timely and sensible advice.

## A Glimpse at the Freedman.

It is always interesting and very often profitable, to get an inside view of things. This is the case particularly when the information comes voluntarily from those who know because they are themselves inside.

The following extract from a private letter is just of this sort. It is from a colored minister, a graduate of Hampton, who since his graduation has been laboring among his own people, in North Carolina. The letter was written hastily, in the freedom of private correspondence, without a thought of its being read by any one but the lady to whom it was sent. No confidence, however, is violated by the publication of this extract:

K-VILLE, N. C., JUNE 10TH, 1886.

MY DEAR FRIEND:

Yes, our condition is better now. It is not hard to live in summer in N. C., for we can dust the bottoms of our liberated feet against the shoe store.

Strawberries, whortleberries, early vegetables and fruit take the place of the stronger and more oily food needed in the winter.

Many of my people go too bare for decency.

Work opens and they get something to do—get their pay, and then divide with the pastor. Times are still hard with us, but we are thankful to know that while we do not get even a fair salary, it is not because we are not appreciated.

There is one colored lady in my congregation, of about one hundred members, who is able to own a sewing machine.

The price for a woman to wash and scrub per day is 25c., at the same time she chops her wood, lugs water from a neighbor's well, and takes her pay in trade, viz., old clothes for husband, children or herself.

We are not advancing as I would wish. We are getting no property except now and then a soul has grip enough to buy a piece of land. We are building no houses and buying no stock. Two around us (5 miles away), own milk-cows, and five own half-bred horses, and one of them works his horse all the week, and makes the children hold him to grass half Sunday.

The height of our ambition in N. C., (and I believe the majority of the Southern States are no more enlightened than it,) is to adorn our bodies with coats of many colors, go to church to see our friends and relations, and be invited out to a big dinner.

God who rules and reigns in His own way and time may open a way for our advancement. There is, however, this much to our credit: there is seldom any stealing, as there used to be. I see in the distance a stumbling block in our way. Most crimes committed now are by young men and women. Our fathers, who left part of their lives in slavery, knew not how to raise children. They were used to being cared for, and their children with them.

Then freedom was so sweet that it was a joy to see the child with nothing to do. Free to sleep, free to break the Sabbath, free to roam the streets, free to go and come as it would choose. This is to my mind the cause of so much running away of our boys, either to get from parental restraint or from punishment for crime. Prejudice is dying out some; many who would do something for us, hesitate because of the indolence, and in many cases impudence of our younger people.

At a station seven miles from here may be seen every morning when the train passes, from thirty to forty boys, who stand on their heads, perform mock fights, and cut up generally to attract the attention of passengers, who, when windows are raised are called upon to "tho me a nic, boss, tho us a nic and see which will get it fust." Then you will see five cent pieces and dimes fly, and then scrambling. Now the harm is that you cannot hire one to do a day's work—he must be at the train. In speaking to a white gentleman about it he said: "Well, if we interfere with them their parents will complain; they are only coming up for the Penitentiary." Then I asked him if he did not think it would pay the South to educate the colored people? He said, "The Yankee must do that; he set you free, or made you citizens, and imposed you upon the South for spite to the Southern people; and while we could not get spite out of the Yankee we let him get it without water, for the colored people is the Yankee's pet." These things make us wonder what will be the end.

If there is money enough at Washington for a monument whose summit smiles at the sun because of its nearness to him, how will this nation stand before the God of nations, who piled up stone upon stone as an evidence of their intelligence and philanthropy, at the same time forgetful or neglectful of the fact that even in the shadow of the monument are human souls starving for a knowledge of God, their duty to Him, their neighbors and themselves, sinking deeper and deeper as the monument goes higher and higher!

For the past week men have been stationed by the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading Companies at the Union depot, Elizabeth, to note how many trains pass. The total number for the week was 3,255, and the number on a single day of twenty four hours over 400. More trains pass the Elizabeth station, so say railroad men, than any similar place in the country.

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6.15, 6.59, 8.20, 9.45, 11.10, P. M.,  
12.39 A. M.

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